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**From:** Lisa Rector [lrector@nescaum.org]  
**Sent:** 10/9/2019 3:04:17 PM  
**To:** Sanchez, Rafael [Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Scinta, Robert [scinta.robert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA EPA-HQ-2019-008306 Status

Rafael, here is the information you requested:

- 1) The date range is from the effective date of the rule, May 16, 2015 to September 30, 2019.
- 2) **Your interpretation of the FOIA request is incorrect.** We are requesting data submitted for the 60-day reporting requirement per Per 40 CFR60.537(f) and 60.5479(f) to include the date submitted to EPA and the non-CBI data submitted. To be clear, we are NOT requesting information submitted for certification purposes under section 60.533 or 60.5475, we are requesting data from the initial 60-day post-test reporting requirement, which is a separate requirement from a certification submission. Per the regulation, reporting shall include information any test to include: stopped, incomplete tests, and valid test completed prior to submission of certification reports and must be reported within 60 days of conducting the test.

I hope this clarifies our request.



**Lisa Rector**, Policy and Program Director at **NESCAUM**

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**From:** Sanchez, Rafael <Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 9, 2019 10:45 AM  
**To:** Lisa Rector <lrector@nescaum.org>  
**Cc:** Scinta, Robert <scinta.robert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA EPA-HQ-2019-008306 Status

Good morning Lisa,

About the above-referenced FOIA, I have the following comments requiring clarification.

1. There is no date range for responsive documents; please provide.
2. The request seems to imply that you are requesting full non-CBI test reports for completed certifications (*(1) data from fully completed tests*). Is that correct?

Thank you for your assistance.

**Rafael Sanchez, Ph.D.**  
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**From:** Lisa Rector <[lrector@nescaum.org](mailto:lrector@nescaum.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 8, 2019 2:50 PM  
**To:** Scinta, Robert <[scinta.robert@epa.gov](mailto:scinta.robert@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Sanchez, Rafael <[Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov](mailto:Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA EPA-HQ-2019-008306 Status

Thanks for the update!

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**From:** Scinta, Robert <[scinta.robert@epa.gov](mailto:scinta.robert@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 8, 2019 1:41 PM  
**To:** Lisa Rector <[lrector@nescaum.org](mailto:lrector@nescaum.org)>  
**Cc:** Sanchez, Rafael <[Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov](mailto:Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FOIA EPA-HQ-2019-008306 Status

Hello Lisa,

Unfortunately, we are still having difficulties getting a response from our FOIA office regarding the status EPA-HQ-2019-008306. We will let you know as soon as we hear back.

Thank you.

Bob

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**From:** Lisa Rector <[lrector@nescaum.org](mailto:lrector@nescaum.org)>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 4, 2019 4:20 PM  
**To:** Scinta, Robert <[scinta.robert@epa.gov](mailto:scinta.robert@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Sanchez, Rafael <[Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov](mailto:Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA EPA-HQ-2019-008304 Status.

Thanks for the follow-up. In the future, I will provide you with the heads up information when we file FOIAs.

Lisa



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**From:** Scinta, Robert <[scinta.robert@epa.gov](mailto:scinta.robert@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 4, 2019 4:16 PM  
**To:** Lisa Rector <[lrector@nescaum.org](mailto:lrector@nescaum.org)>  
**Cc:** Sanchez, Rafael <[Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov](mailto:Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: FOIA EPA-HQ-2019-008304 Status.

Hello Ms. Rector,

I do not believe we have heard back from the FOIA Office yet. I apologize for the delay and will follow up with them on Monday morning. Since this seems to be a reoccurring issue, for future FOIA requests, would it be possible for you to send Rafael and myself a courtesy "heads up" email to let us know it's on the way? That would help us try to jump ahead of it if it is incorrectly routed, and hopefully avoid any future delays.

Thank you.

Bob Scinta, Chief

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On Oct 4, 2019, at 3:29 PM, Lisa Rector <[lrector@nescaum.org](mailto:lrector@nescaum.org)> wrote:

Rafael, do you have any updates on the outstanding FOIA request?

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**From:** Lisa Rector  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 3, 2019 10:49 AM  
**To:** Sanchez, Rafael <[Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov](mailto:Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Scinta, Robert <[scinta.robert@epa.gov](mailto:scinta.robert@epa.gov)>; Battle, Jernell <[Battle.Jernell@epa.gov](mailto:Battle.Jernell@epa.gov)>; Newman, Maya

<Newman.Maya@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: FOIA EPA-HQ-2019-008304 Status.

I find this strange because this happened the last time I requested 60-day test reports, it took over half a year to get a response.

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**From:** Sanchez, Rafael <Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 3, 2019 10:48 AM

**To:** Lisa Rector <lrector@nescaum.org>

**Cc:** Scinta, Robert <scinta.robert@epa.gov>; Battle, Jernell <Battle.Jernell@epa.gov>; Newman, Maya <Newman.Maya@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: FOIA EPA-HQ-2019-008304 Status.

Hi Lisa,

I will need to check with the FOIA office as I didn't get FOIA EPA-HQ-2019-008306.

Rafael Sanchez

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**From:** Lisa Rector <lrector@nescaum.org>

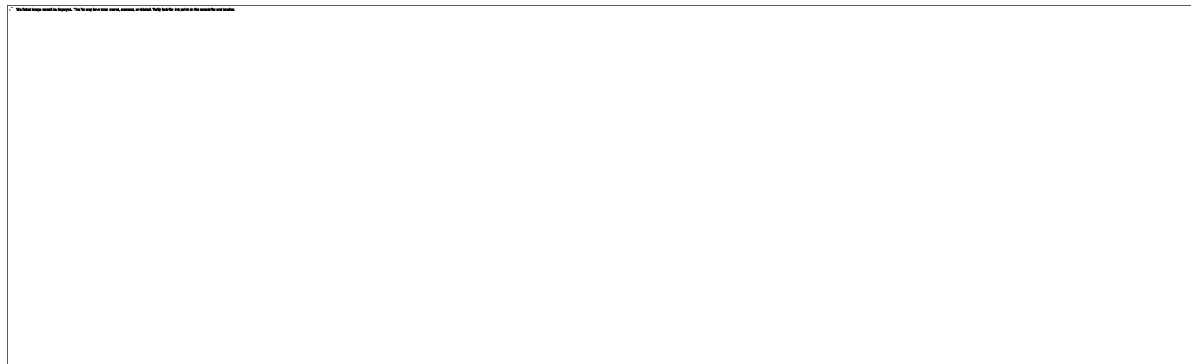
**Sent:** Thursday, October 3, 2019 9:21 AM

**To:** Sanchez, Rafael <Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Scinta, Robert <scinta.robert@epa.gov>; Battle, Jernell <Battle.Jernell@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: FOIA EPA-HQ-2019-008304 Status.

Rafael, I did receive data for my request EPA-HQ-2019-008304. However I submitted two requests. I have not received any data on the 60-day tests FOIA EPA-HQ-2019-008306, and per the FOIA online database the request is still processing:



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**From:** Sanchez, Rafael <Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 3, 2019 9:11 AM

**To:** Lisa Rector <lrector@nescaum.org>

**Cc:** Scinta, Robert <scinta.robert@epa.gov>; Battle, Jernell <Battle.Jernell@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: FOIA EPA-HQ-2019-008304 Status.

Hi Lisa,

According to our records, your FOIA request was fulfilled on September 12, 2019. If you need assistance locating the responsive records, please contact the FOIAonline support line.

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**From:** Sanchez, Rafael  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 2, 2019 11:16 AM  
**To:** Battle, Jernell <[Battle.Jernell@epa.gov](mailto:Battle.Jernell@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** lisa rector <[lrector@nescaum.org](mailto:lrector@nescaum.org)>; Scinta, Robert <[scinta.robert@epa.gov](mailto:scinta.robert@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FOIA EPA-HQ-2019-008304 Status.

Hi Jernell,

Ms. Rector is inquiring about the status of EPA-HQ-2019-008304, which was due on September 19, 2019. Please see below email. All responsive documents were submitted to your office on September 12, 2019. Can you help her out?  
Thank you.

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**From:** Lisa Rector <[lrector@nescaum.org](mailto:lrector@nescaum.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 2, 2019 10:43 AM  
**To:** Sanchez, Rafael <[Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov](mailto:Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Scinta, Robert <[scinta.robert@epa.gov](mailto:scinta.robert@epa.gov)>; Johnson, Steffan <[johnson.steffan@epa.gov](mailto:johnson.steffan@epa.gov)>; Yellin, Patrick <[Yellin.Patrick@epa.gov](mailto:Yellin.Patrick@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: wood heater database

Rafael, yes you are missing the point. These are all cordwood boilers, and the database indicates they were tested with cordwood, however, many of these units were tested with cribs. Why doesn't the central heating database delineate between those units tested with crib versus cordwood as the stove database does?

Also, can you please provide a status update on my FOIA submission, detailed below. Per the dashboard, a response was expected by September 19, 2019, almost two weeks ago. Can you please advise as to when I might expect a response to this FOIA.

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**From:** Sanchez, Rafael <[Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov](mailto:Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 2, 2019 10:15 AM  
**To:** Lisa Rector <[lrector@nescaum.org](mailto:lrector@nescaum.org)>  
**Cc:** Scinta, Robert <[scinta.robert@epa.gov](mailto:scinta.robert@epa.gov)>; Johnson, Steffan <[johnson.steffan@epa.gov](mailto:johnson.steffan@epa.gov)>; Yellin, Patrick <[Yellin.Patrick@epa.gov](mailto:Yellin.Patrick@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: wood heater database

Hi Lisa,

Your list is missing several central heaters. The listing you have provided only shows 59 heaters. Our records show that we have 110 CHs. The ones that you have provided are all teste fueled using cord wood. The ones that you are not listing are tested fueled using multiple fuels, i.e., wood pellets and crib wood.

Am I missing something?

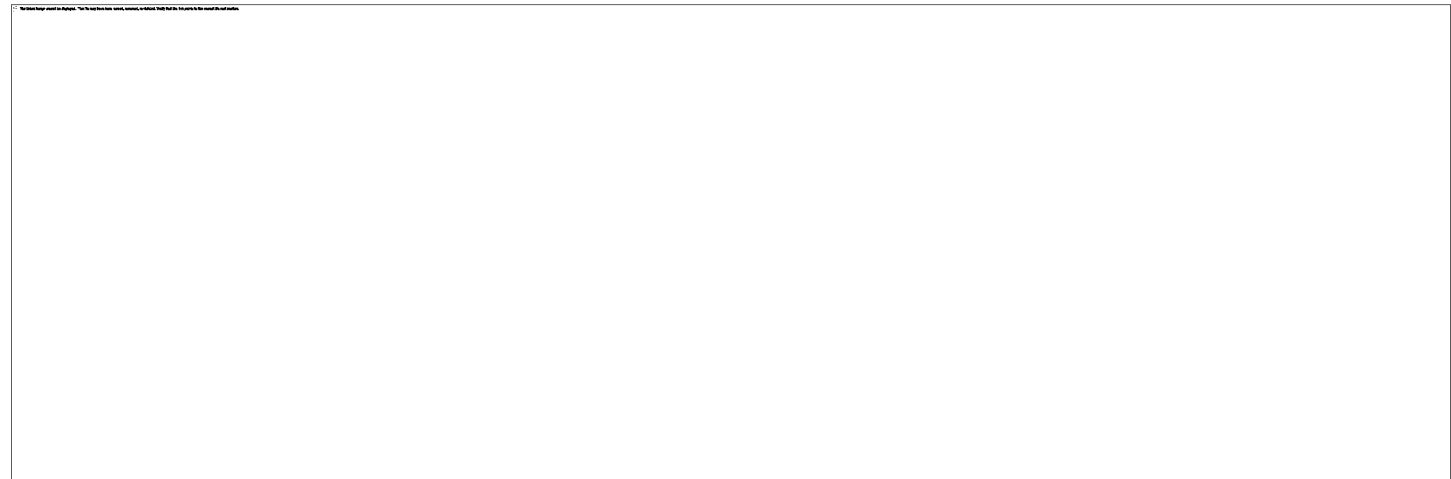
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**From:** Lisa Rector <[lrector@nescaum.org](mailto:lrector@nescaum.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 30, 2019 4:02 PM  
**To:** Sanchez, Rafael <[Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov](mailto:Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Scinta, Robert <[scinta.robert@epa.gov](mailto:scinta.robert@epa.gov)>; Johnson, Steffan <[johnson.steffan@epa.gov](mailto:johnson.steffan@epa.gov)>; Yellin, Patrick <[Yellin.Patrick@epa.gov](mailto:Yellin.Patrick@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: wood heater database

Rafael, here is the search that I submitted on the central heating database today. Attached is the excel spreadsheet from that search, and indicates that almost every central heater was tested with cordwood, which I believe is incorrect.



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**Subject:** RE: wood heater database

Hi Lisa,

I wanted to follow up on my 8/30/19 email regarding your WHDB inquiry. As my email indicated, when I do a HH query for all HHs, the system pulls all of them, and they show various fuels, i.e., crib, pellet, cordwood. If I can replicate your problem, it would help us pinpoint the issue. You can either call or reply to this email with a detailed description of the steps taken. Thank you.

Rafael Sanchez

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**From:** Sanchez, Rafael  
**Sent:** Friday, August 30, 2019 1:26 PM  
**To:** Lisa Rector <[lrector@nescaum.org](mailto:lrector@nescaum.org)>  
**Cc:** Scinta, Robert <[scinta.robert@epa.gov](mailto:scinta.robert@epa.gov)>; Johnson, Steffan <[johnson.steffan@epa.gov](mailto:johnson.steffan@epa.gov)>; Yellin, Patrick <[Yellin.Patrick@epa.gov](mailto:Yellin.Patrick@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: wood heater database

Hi Lisa,

Thank you for your 8/29/19 email regarding HHs and certification fuel used. I searched all HHs, and the DB pulled a mix of cord wood, crib wood, and wood pellets. I am not clear why you are retrieving all cord wood for all HHs (except Greentech). For your convenience, I have attached the export excel file. To ensure the WHDB accuracy, we will look into this matter and correct any data accordingly. If you have any question, please let me know.

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**From:** Lisa Rector <[lrector@nescaum.org](mailto:lrector@nescaum.org)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:25 AM  
**To:** Sanchez, Rafael <[Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov](mailto:Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Scinta, Robert <[scinta.robert@epa.gov](mailto:scinta.robert@epa.gov)>; Johnson, Steffan <[johnson.steffan@epa.gov](mailto:johnson.steffan@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** wood heater database

Rafael, I was trying to determine how many hydronic heaters certified with via cordwood testing. I used the database, filtering by certified fuel type and found the database identified all hydronic heaters, except the Greentech, as using cordwood for testing. However, based on the test reports I have for almost all the hydronic heaters on the list, the reports indicate the unit were tested with cribs, not cordwood. I don't have any 30-day notice paperwork showing that the units were retested with cordwood. Can you please advise if the database is incorrect or are there new test reports that used cordwood? Thanks!

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